Dr. Sridhar Sivasubbu

Dr. Yogendra Singh

Shri Hemant Kulkarni

Shri P. Bansal

(c) CSIR/IGIB entered into the agreement with "M/s. Chaterjee Management Services" (CMS) for the creation and operation of TCGA on 26th April, 2003. However CMS requested to assign all of their rights under this agreement to M/s Institute of Molecular Medicine, a Section 25 company, not-for-profit research foundation, another initiative of Chaterjee Group on 28th July, 2004, which was agreed to and a fresh agreement with the same terms and conditions was signed between CSIR/IGIB and IMM on 28th July, 2004.

It may be mentioned that the text of agreement include commercial and operational strategies of TCGA and their disclosure may harm commercial competitiveness of TCGA, which may adversely affect future public-private partnerships. Therefore, the text of the agreement cannot be placed.

Expenditure of CSIR

862. SHRI A.VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the CAG has reported unfruitful expenditure of Rs. 21.29 lakh by CSIR's National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, formerly Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala because it purchased but failed to install a Liquid Nitrogen Plant for more than five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken to make the plant functional, as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Initially the suppliers and the Indian agent had failed to install the Equipment in spite of best efforts put in by National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST). The same was commissioned successfully by a third party in October, 2005. However, currently the plant is shutdown for maintenance as it was producing liquid nitrogen contaminated with oxygen and moisture due to catalyst contamination.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending proposals of Andhra Pradesh

863. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the status of the proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government pending with the Ministry indicating the reasons for delay in giving clearance to each of those proposals, the estimated cost involved in each of these proposals;